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Since its inception in 2000, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center has worked to facilitate national collaboration and promote a national presence around Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities in April. Every two minutes, a person is raped in this nation. Sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every person in the United States.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about sexual assault and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to sexual assault survivors. Elimination of sexual assault must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities.

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Last year, the Board of Supervisors approved a program developed by the County's Emergency Medical Services Agency and the EMS Commission, to designate hospital-based Sexual Assault Response Teams. The SART concept involves a multidisciplinary collaborative approach to victims of sexual assault to benefit all stakeholders including the victim or survivor, the family, the neighborhood, and the community.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2004 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Los Angeles County and encourage the residence in Los Angeles County to participate in events coordinated through the Los Angeles Commission on Sexual Assault by contacting (213) 955-9090. For individuals in need of crisis intervention or further help, contact the Crisis Hotline (213) 626-3393.

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